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## **TARRANT COUNTY PROBATE COURT NUMBER ONE VOLUNTEER COURT VISITOR PROGRAM**

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The Volunteer Court Visitor Program was created in 1993 in response to legislation requiring statutory Probate Courts to monitor on an annual basis the care and condition of persons under guardianship. There are over 1,000 guardianship cases currently pending in Tarrant County Probate Court One. While most Guardians perform their duties well, some do not or, for a variety of reasons, are no longer capable of providing adequately for their Wards. The reports filed by the Volunteer Court Visitors assist this Court in determining whether each pending guardianship case should be continued, modified or terminated.

A Volunteer Court Visitor is a specially trained individual appointed by the Judge to assist the Court in assessing the condition of persons under guardianship. Once a year, or more often if needed, you will receive a letter and a copy of the Order appointing the Volunteer Court Visitor. Thereafter, the Visitor will personally meet with the Ward then prepare a report that will be filed with the Court and reviewed by the appropriate staff.

A copy of the Volunteer Court Visitor's report is included in your Guardianship Handbook. Please cooperate fully with the Volunteer assigned to visit your Ward.